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Sauget Sites (Area 1) -- Sauget

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June 23, 1994

Mr. Thomas J. Martin Office of Regional Counsel USEPA Region V, CA-3T 77 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Tom:

As promised, please find enclosed the information you had requested at our June 21 meeting. The information includes a list of residential addresses along Judith Lane and Walnut Street whose basements were sampled last fall, a memo summarizing recent events at Site G, the signed Consent Order between the State of Illinois and Monsanto Company for the performance of an RI/FS at Site R, names and addresses of three individuals who hauled wastes from the Monsanto Queeny plant to Site R, a list and description of products manufactured at the Krummrich plant and background information concerning the "Cerro Copper drum incident" that includes the names of the injured individuals. I am in the process of obtaining information on SWMUs at the Krummrich plant and will send you that information once it becomes available. I would also like to recommend that you give Jeff Gore a call about the "evidence" that was found at Site G several years ago.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 20, 1994

From: Paul E. Takács, IEPA

To: Regional Decision Team

Subject: Sauget Sites Area 1 Sites -- Briefing Memorandum

This purpose of this memorandum is to familiarize the Regional Decision Team with the Sauget Area 1 Sites and to provide a set of proposed measures that need to be taken at this site.

This memorandum could not have been provided without the assistance of the SACM team members. Besides myself, this team consists of Sam Borries, Thomas Martin, Alan Altur, Sally Jansen, Jeff Gore and Susan Pastor.

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As in the case with the above site, the culvert at the south end of Dead Creek Segment B (CS-B) was sealed, also causing this site to behave as an impoundment. CS-B received the same wastewater flows from the Sauget industries prior to the sealing of the culvert at the south end of CS-A. CS-B also received direct wastewater flows from a rubber recycling operation, the hazardous waste hauling firm that operated at Site L and from overflows from Site L when it was CS-B also receives surface runoff from Site G. in use. contaminants found in sediments at this site include PCBs (546ppm total), dichlorobenzenes (237ppm total) and minor amounts of PNAs, naphthalene and chlorobenzenes. Access to this site was restricted by a chain-link fence installed by USEPA. Additional sediment sampling by the Monsanto Company has further verified that creek sediments have been impacted by PCBs. Sampling by IEPA has shown that surface water in CS-B is affected by contaminants from Site G.

Dead Creek Segments C, D, E

These segments of Dead Creek received the same industrial flows from the Sauget industries and sources mentioned above prior to the culverts being blocked at CS-A and CS-B. Because these blocking actions had occurred long ago, many of the contaminants which IEPA suspects should be present have since volatilized. Presently, the main contaminants of concern in these creek segments are PCBs. Very limited sampling has revealed total PCB concentrations of up to 60ppm. These segments of Dead Creek run through residential areas of Cahokia and access to them is completely unrestricted.

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II. Current Status

IEPA is not aware of recent disposal activities at any of the Sauget Area 1 Sites. Currently, the most significant problem associated with these sites is the flooding at Dead Creek and high water table conditions that remain. Prolonged precipitation events within the Mississippi River floodplain have caused the water table at the Sauget Area 1 Sites to rise within three feet of the ground surface, and in many cases above the ground surface. After heavy periods of rainfall, Dead Creek's capacity to absorb stormwater is greatly decreased. As the culvert at the south end of CS-B has been sealed, flooding has occurred on Judith Avenue (south of CS-B) and has backed up to Queeny Avenue (north of CS-B) thereby creating serious community concerns. As surface water rises in the CS-B "impoundment", it comes into contact with surfical contamination at Site G. It is clear that Site G is affecting surface water quality in the creek (e.g., significant levels of phenol, chlorobenzenes, chlorophenols, and chloroaniline). Furthermore, these contaminant levels in surface water have been increasing to the point that they are now above the State of Illinois' water quality standards.

IEPA is intent on placing the Sauget Area 1 Sites on the NPL. Comments on the draft scoring package had been sent to USEPA on December 1, 1993. We anticipate that the scoring package can be finalized shortly so that these sites are eligible for the Spring of 1994 proposed listing update.

III. Proposed Immediate Measures

IEPA has reviewed all available data relative to the Sauget Area 1 Sites. Our recommendations on immediate measures are listed below:

- 1. Repair or fortify the fences that were installed around Site G, CS-B and Site M to minimize the risk of persons coming into contact with these sites. There is an access point to the southern portion of CS-B that needs to be blocked.
- 2. Perform additional air sampling at Site G to better characterize airborne contaminants leaving the site. If the sampling indicates potential exposures that could lead to acute health problems, the feasibility of a surface removal/capping action at this site will be evaluated.
- 3. Fully characterize the extent of contamination in the unfenced portions of Dead Creek (CS-C, CS-D, CS-E). As very limited data suggest, known concentrations of PCBs (60ppm total), while significant, would not be expected to result in acute health problems for children playing in creek sediments. IEPA recommends that fencing be constructed around creek segments showing PCB concentrations that could cause acute health problems if full-scale remedial activities (e.g., removal actions) are not expected to be completed within the next few years.

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- 5. IEPA has already identified approximately 30 potential PRPs at the Sauget Area 1 Sites in a past enforcement action. The goal of this action was to solicit a settlement for local industries to perform a Sauget Area 1 RI/FS without having to resort to naming the site to the NPL. Viable parties are among these potential PRPs. A thorough PRP search must be performed and additional information needs to be obtained from further Section 104(e) Information Requests to these and other potential PRPs. In addition to this PRP information, IEPA also has limited information on waste disposal activities at these sites from interviews of longtime residents.

IV. Recommended Measures

IEPA recommends that a very strong enforcement approach be employed at the start of the project. We would anticipate that Section 104(e) Information Requests be sent (at minimum) to potential PRPs that IEPA had identified in the earlier state enforcement action. It is further recommended that the questions in the Request be more specifically worded than the questions that are in USEPA's model 104(e) Request. IEPA anticipates that the first round of 104(e) Requests could be mailed out by mid-February, 1994.

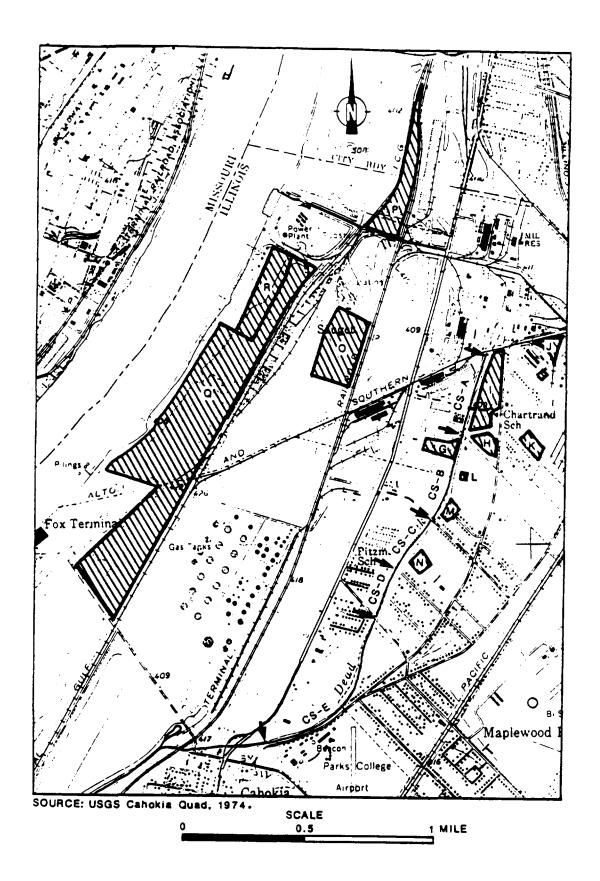
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RI would entail performing confirmatory borings at each of the sites to complete a source area characterization, the investigatory work mentioned in III.2 and III.3, a groundwater study, a risk assessment and an ecological assessment. IEPA anticipates that the RI report could be completed by the end of 1995 at the cost of \$1.5 to \$2 million.

Because of extensive historical involvement IEPA believes that, at minimum, the RI should be performed as a state-lead action. In addition to having obtained most of the existing data at all Sauget Area 1 Sites, IEPA has developed extensive community relations contacts in Cahokia and has had reasonably good relations with many of the Sauget industries.

With respect to IEPA's earlier attempts to reach a settlement with the local PRPs for an RI/FS, it was very much apparent that documentation concerning disposal activities was lacking. Given this lack of documentation, the time period during which these activities existed, and the extreme unwillingness for these potential PRPs to cooperate, it is likely that the RI (and FS) will be performed as fund-lead actions. IEPA would be willing to accept the lead role in enforcement for the Sauget Area 1 Sites in order to reach a settlement with the PRPs.



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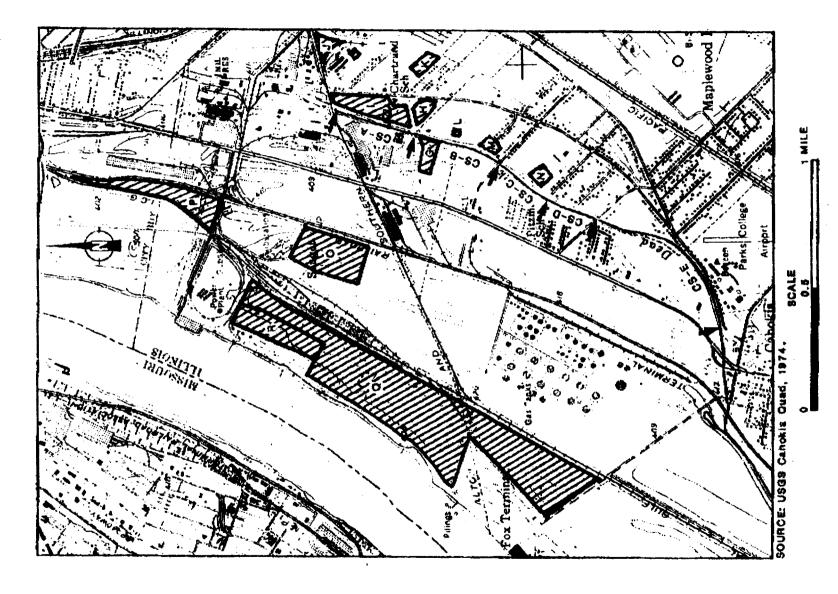
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ATSDR Record of Activity

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Program Areas

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<u>Narrative Summary</u>: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 requested that the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) review results of surface water and sediment samples taken from segment CS-B of Dead Creek, and provide a public health opinion. Specifically, they would like to know if the contaminated surface water and sediment pose an imminent threat to human health that warrants a removal action.

Dead Creek is located in the town of Sauget in St. Clair County, Illinois. The creek supplies drainage for part of the Mississippi River flood plain. According to the EPA there is a six foot chain link barbwire fence restricting access to this area (Segment CS-B), and signs are posted along the fence to warn the public of surface water and sediment contamination. Also, the EPA has indicated that there is a hole under the fence at the southern portion of the site along Judith Lane. The closest residence is about 200 feet southeast of segment CS-B of Dead Creek. A study conducted in 1988 indicated the presence

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of maximum levels of sediment contaminants as follows: Aroclor 1248 at 480,000 parts per million (ppm), Aroclor 1254 at 141,000 ppm, Aroclor 1260 at 60,000 ppm, lead at 1,300 ppm and nickel at 1,500 ppm. Analysis of surface water samples collected in 1993 revealed low levels of semi-volatile organics, for example, Di -n- butylphthalate at 6 parts per billion (ppb), dimethylphenol at 5 ppb, and methylphenol at 35 ppb. During November 1993, the creek flooded and stormwater run-off samples were taken. Evaluation of stormwater run-off sampling results indicate that contaminants are not at levels of public health concern.

Action Required/Recommendations/Info Provided: The data evaluated indicate that Dead Creek (area CS-B) sediment contains elevated levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (aroclors), lead, nickel and other semi-volatile organics. Surface water and stormwater run-off contained low levels of contamination with semi-volatile organics.

Long-term exposure to polychlorinated biphenyls and lead in sediment from area CS-B of Dead Creek could pose a public health hazard. However, such exposures are unlikely to occur since access to the site is restricted by a chain link barbwire fence and warning signs have been posted. Therefore, the site does not pose an imminent threat to human health, and does not warrant an immediate removal action. Nevertheless, appropriate remedial actions should be implemented to mitigate health risks that could result from long-term exposure to the contamination. Also, ensure that the fence holes along the southern portion of the site on Judith Lane are repaired.

Signature: helicite Williams, Ph.D. Date: 1-14-94

cc: Louise Fabinski

RIMB

Illinois Department of Public Health

Enclosures: Yes () No (\times); MIS entered: Yes () No (\times)



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

OVERNIGHT MAIL

MAR 28 1995

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

CM-29A

Paul T. Sauget, Mayor Village of Sauget Village Hall 2897 Falling Springs Road Sauget, IL 62206

Re: Access to Property Known as Sauget Area 1, Site G, Sauget,

Illinois

Dear Mr. Sauget:

Enclosed please find a Consent Agreement for Access to the property known as Sauget Area 1, Site G, in Sauget, Illinois. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("U.S. EPA") plans to conduct or compel hazardous waste removal activities at the site because the Agency has determined that the site contains contaminated soils containing high levels of PCB Arochlor 1260 and other hazardous substances. These soils constitute, among other things, an actual or potential threat of exposure of hazardous substances or pollutants or contaminants to human health and the environment. For this reason, U.S. EPA needs access to your property (specifically, in the Village's case, the property in between Queeny Avenue and the Site G fence) in order to remedy the contamination, as described herein.

Section 104 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601 et <u>seq</u>., as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-499, 100 Stat. 1613 (1986) ("CERCLA", as amended), gives U.S. EPA and its representatives the authority to enter any property for the purpose of taking response actions to address the release or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants. Although U.S. EPA personnel or the personnel of its authorized representative may enter property without an owner's consent when entry is necessary to respond to a release or threatened release, it is U.S. EPA's practice to seek the owner's consent before entry onto the In this case, U.S. EPA and/or its authorized representative, will conduct removal activities as described in the attached "CONSENT FOR ACCESS TO PROPERTY" form. activities will occur and will be completed within the next 6-8 months, assuming they can be initiated quickly.

Therefore, I have enclosed a "CONSENT FOR ACCESS TO PROPERTY" form so that you may give U.S. EPA and its authorized representative your written consent for access to your property.

ACCESS LETTERS ALSO SENT TO THE FOLLOWING:

On March 2, 1995:

Queeny Poperties, Inc. Jay S. Dinkleman, Registered Agent 8021 Ruck Drive Belleville, Illinois 62223

Mr. Harold W. Wiese c/o Walter L. Wittenberg Greensfield, Hemker & Gale, P.C. 1800 Equitable Building 10 South Broadway St. Louis, MO 63102-1774

Emily Hankins 3110 Mississippi Avenue Sauget, Illinois 62201

Moto, Inc. Main Office 721 West Main Belleview, Illinois 62222

Cerro Copper Products Company c/o Richard F. Ricci Lowenstein, Sandler, Kohl, Fisher & Boylan 65 Livingston Avenue Roseland, NJ 07068-1791 201/992-8700

On March 28, 1995:

Mr. Andrew Hankins 3108 Mississippi Avenue Sauget, IL 62201

Paul T. Sauget, Mayor Village of Sauget Village Hall 2897 Falling Springs Road Sauget, IL 62206

CONSENT FOR ACCESS TO PROPERTY

Name:

Village of Sauget 2897 Falling Springs Road Sauget, IL 62206

Address

Sauget Area 1, Site G

of Property: Sauget, Illinois

I consent to officers, employees, contractors, and authorized representatives of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("U.S. EPA") entering and having continued access to this property for the following purposes:

- a. Develop a Health and Safety Plan to prevent exposure to workers and local residents from contaminated material;
- b. Develop and implement a sampling and analytical program designed to identify potentially contaminated material inside and outside of the Site G Landfill fenced area;
- c. Provide dust suppression measures for excavated contaminated material to insure contaminated dust does not migrate;
- d. Properly handle, consolidate, store, remove, and/or treat and dispose of contaminated liquids, soil, and sediment which has migrated off-site and/or still exists on Site G, including any contamination which may have migrated into the adjacent portion of Creek Segment B;
- e. Consolidate and/or remove non-hazardous waste and/or brush and debris;
- f. Properly close/abandon any monitoring wells that interfere with placement of a landfill cover;
- g. Provide appropriate backfill material as necessary to excavated areas and solidify/stabilize liquids, sludge and sediment as necessary to support overlying cover materials;
- h. Design and Engineer an appropriate protective cover for the Landfill contents and the consolidated materials placed in the fenced area of Site G complying with identified State and Federal ARARs; and
- i. Implement necessary erosion control measures to prevent cover erosion.

I realize that U.S. EPA's actions are undertaken pursuant to its response and enforcement responsibilities under the Comprehensive

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The Honorable Jerry Costello Member, United States House of Representatives 327 W. Main Street Belleville, Illinois 62220

Dear Mr. Costello:

Thank you for your letter of March 1, 1994, regarding updated information on the National Priorities List (NPL) evaluation of the Dead Creek area in Sauget and Cahokia, Illinois.

In general, a site is proposed for the NPL by preparation of a Hazard Ranking System (HRS) scoring package. If the site score exceeds 28.5, it is submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Headquarters for Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC). The QA/QC revisions are forwarded to the Region who then prepares the final draft package. This final draft is then forwarded by U.S. EPA Headquarters to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) who reviews all potential NPL candidate sites. If the site passes OMB review, the site is then proposed draft to the NPL by publication in the Federal Register. A sixty day comment period then follows and the EPA must respond to all comments that are received before that site can be proposed final on the NPL. The final proposal is also published in the Federal Register.

Currently, we are evaluating this area, known as Sauget Area 1 under the site assessment program, as a candidate for the National Priorities List. Since we are in the early stages of this process, we cannot discuss the specifics of this particular HRS package since it is considered predecisional. In addition to the HRS review, the U.S. EPA has also begun the evaluation of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) to determine the likelihood of an enforcement action at this site.

I have enclosed a copy of a briefing memorandum that was prepared for our Agency by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). As you know, the IEPA is actively involved in evaluating the Sauget Area and has provided most of the site assessment information, to date. Their fact sheet gives a brief description of the various sites which constitute Sauget Area 1. Since receipt of your previous letter sent by IEPA on December 9, 1993, the IEPA in response to a citizen complaint sampled at Site M on

March 11, 1994. Initial review of the sample results reveal similar compounds as indicated before. The Illinois Dept. of Health (IDPH), in conjunction with the IEPA, are reviewing the results and will provide their final determination to the City of Cahokia.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me. Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ original signed by William Sanders III

Valdas V. Adamkus Regional Administrator

Enclosure

bcc: ORA w/control slip

M. Canavan, ORA

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K. Westlake, ORA

P. Takacs, IEPA

J. Gore, RRB

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T. Martin, ORC

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R. Webb, OSF, w/control slip

M. Johnson, ERB, w/control slip

N. Maier, WMD, w/control slip

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE OFFICE CHECKED BELOW:

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Washington, DC 20515-1312

March 1, 1994

Mr. Alan Altur Site Assessment Manager EPA, Site Assessment Section Office of Superfund 77 W Jackson Chicago, IL 60604 D E G E 1 ♥ E D

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SITE ASSESSMENT SECTION

Dear Mr. Altur:

I am writing in regard to Dead Creek in Cahokia, Illinois and I am interested in obtaining updated information as to the EPA's progress with this matter.

Recently, I held a town hall meeting in Cahokia and was confronted by several concerned residents. I am considering holding a special meeting in the area and inviting all concerned parties in an effort to bring them up-to-date on this issue.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the letter I received on December 9, 1993 from Mr. Tom Walters, Legislative Liaison with the Illinois EPA. As I understand, the process of becoming included in the National Priorities List is lengthy. Any further information you could provide me would be appreciated.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact my office manager Anne Risavy at 618/233-8026. Please forward any correspondence to my office address marked below.

Mr. Altur, thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

JERRY . COSTELLO Member of Congress

JFC/amr

Enclosure

Mary A. Gade, Director

2200 Churchill Road, Springfield, IL 62794-9276

(217) 782-3397

December 9, 1993

The Honorable Jerry Costello United States Congressman 1363 Niedringhaus Avenue Granite City, Illinois 62040

Dear Congressman Costello:

Thank you for you letter of November 23, 1993 in which you requested information regarding Dead Creck in Cahokia. Illinois. The following information is to address the questions and concerns of your constituents, Richard and Diane McDonnell.

Studies have found "30 different chemicals" in Dead Creek:

Environmental studies have found contamination in Dead Craek, but the most significant problem from a human health standpoint is the PCS-contaminated sediment at the bottom of the crack bed. PCBs (Polychlorinated Biphenyls) do not move readily in groundwater, since they tend to bind tightly to soil particles. There might be an increased hazard if the sediment were to be transported downstream (through pumping from the creek-bottom, or opening the culvert at the creek-bottom under Judith Lans, for example). However, in the present situation, the greatest public health threat would occur if the creek were to dry as completely, allowing PCB-contaminated sediments in the creek bed to be carried by the wind or by animals into nearby residential yards. Such a dovelopment appears to be fazzin the Pature, or this point,

IFPA has submitted the Superfund 'scoring package' for Sauged Sites Area I to U.S. EPA's Region V office, where it is under final review. This document is the basis for proposing the area containing Dead Creek for inclusion in the National Priorities List (NPL). The final package is expected to go to U.S. EPA headquarters this month? and the federal agency could formally propose Area I for the NPL as soon as the apxing of 1994?

Might-foot-high fence around part of Dead Creek*

Truel In the 1980's U.S. EFA constructed a fence around Dead Creek Segment & (north of Judith Line, to Queeny Ave., in Shuget), and around several other Sauget Siles (Sile G. Site ')

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exposure of the public to the chemical contamination known to be present at those sites. In some cases the danger was not only direct contact, but also the possibility of consuming contaminated fish from those waters. Another purpose of constructing the fence was to prevent any continued dumping of wastes at the sites.

EPA "blocked the creek" at Judith Lane"

IEPA has no formal record of how the culvert under Judith Lane came to be blocked. We believe that the culvert was probably blocked in the late 1960s or early 1970s in order to halt the turther southward migration of contaminants that were known to be moving into the two northern segments of the creek from adjacent hazardous waste sites. "Tt is not" presently clear what governmental wait ser-private party betuaily ordered or carried out the blocking action, but the finding in more recent years of PCB contamination in sediments above Judich Lane (as wall as those south of Judith) makes this action seem prudent today. The fact that the PCBs cend to stay with the sediment particles, however, suggests a ramedy for the concerns expressed by area residents. If water could be pumped out of Segment B to the nearby American Bottoms wustewater treatment plant, without disturbing the PCB-contaminated sediments, the water level could be reduced.

Concerns about possible health hazards from odors in creek:

Responding to concerns expressed over the summer by area residents, IEPA sampled the creek water both above Judith Lane (9/24/93, 9/28/93, £ 10/15/93) and below Judith (10/15/93) to make sure the water did not pose a significant public health threat. IEPA's Office of Chemical Satety (OCSF concluded that the contaminants present in the water woulde not pose a public health risk, but noted that certain chemicals (notably phenolics) that were characteristic of Site G (west of Dead Creek south of Queeny Ave.) were found above the very low odor threshold for these chemicals. Residents would smell these chemical odors at levels tar too low to be harmful.

The Office of Chemical safety also noted that the levels of iron, lead, and phenolic compounds in the water exceeded State water quality standards and would be potentially idemaging to fish and other aquatic species.

IEPA says not to drain the creeks

IEPA has long warned against disturbing the contaminated sediments in the creek, and the State has not had the funding /

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that would have been needed to pay for pumping water from above Judith Lane into the American Bottoms treatment works. The IEPA has been open to that solution from the start of this unusual flooding event, but no party came forward with a workable way to get the water from the creek to the treatment works; no sewers existed nearby in Cahokia with the needed capacity.

However, as noted previously, based on both old and recent sampling, IEPA held the view that water could safely (from a human health standpoint) be pumped from this creek segment as long as the sediments were not disturbed. This could be accomplished by keeping the pump intake a sufficient height above the creek bed. Thus, the creek segment could not safely be pumped dry (not a desirable state anyway, since that would expose contaminated sediments), but it could be pumped down, considerably, to alleviate the flooding problem. Again, because tests of the water in Dead Creek north of Judith Lane have exceeded State water standards and could harm the environment, the IFPA has recommended the option of pumping the water to a treatment facility.

On November 16, 1993, after a particularly heavy series of storms, Mayor King, of Cahokia contacted IEPA to inform the Agency that Cahokia was starting to pump water from above Judich Lane to the next segment of Dead Creek. The mayor was informed that Cahokia was undertaking some risk of being drawn in as a Potentially Responsible Party if it were to be claimed in the future that this action had spread contamination from the area north of Judith Lane. IEPA also emphasized that recent tests of the surface water had shown levels of contamination that would violate state standards namight harm aquatic species it the water were not treated before being released to the environment. Cahokia officials were advised strongly to avoid placing the intake so as to disturb the contaminated sediments, however.

AMERICAL electricis with the wayor led to a phone conference with IRFA that concluded that no treatment process would be required for the emergency pumping to alleviate the flooding, based on IRFA's recent compling results and the dilucion with exper runoff water prior to the water reaching the...

Mississippi River (see attached letter from Mayor Ring)? The pumping continued for several days, was halted for several more, and was resumed when groundwater recharge apparently refilled the creek.

While the pumping continues, IEPA has periodically sampled the creek water. IEPA took a sample of the water being pumped from north of Judith Lane on 11/19/93 and found increased levels of phenolic compounds. Again, these levels do not indicate any human health risk, but they show an

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increased threat to aquatic organisms.

Perceived basard to residents from water seepage into basements:

In response to concerns expressed by the McDonnell's, IEPA sampled the seepage water in their basement in June, 1993, and followed up on September 28 by re sampling that basement, and five others near the creek that had seepage problems. Stan Black, of IEPA's Office of Community Relations, notified all the residents by phone on October 12 that the sample results had been quite normal for basement seepage water, posing no health risk to residents. HEPA sent residents copies of the lab results for their records on November 9 & 10, and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) sent letters to the residents explaining the results in health terms on November 24.

Property value concerns; Need to inform potential buyers:

Scan Black, of IEPA's Office of Community Relations, had indeed mentioned to Diane McDonnell in the course of a phone conversation that several realtors and/or appraisers from her area had called him to obtain information on contamination in the Dead Creek area. They had specifically mentioned that they had a professional "duty to inform" potential buyers in the area about possibly adverse tactors that could affect property values. Fart of the motivation for IEPA's effort to add Area I to the NFL is the desire to remedy the environmental problems in the area so that local residences will not need to be concerned about their effects on property values.

This response to your inquiry has been delayed by the fluidity of the Dead Creek situation. Indeed, matters have not yet reached a settled state, by any means. We are sending your office this response in order to be as complete as possible at this time, but we will also provide further updates as additional developments occur.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Walters Legislative Liaison

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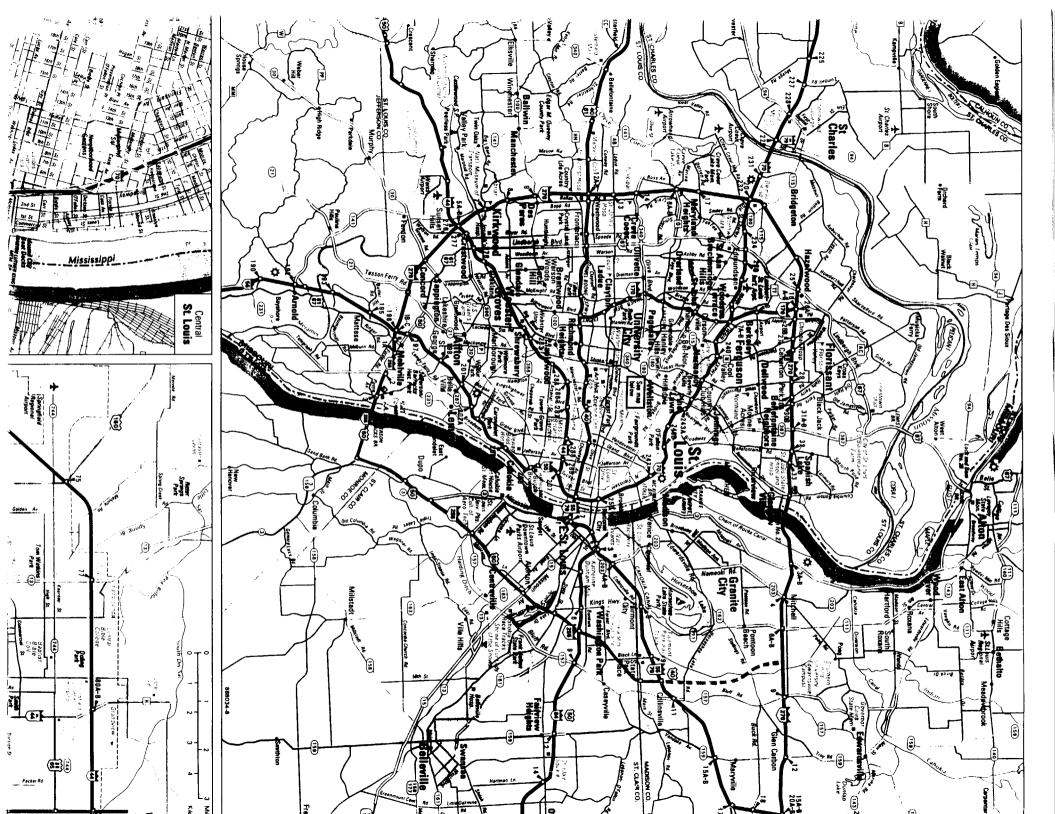
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Date: May 31, 1994

Subject: Sauget Area One Landfill Fire

To: Don Bruce, Chief

Emergency Response Branch, Section II

From: Sam Borries, OSC Son Borrier

On May 27, 1994 a site assessment was conducted at the Sauget Area One, Site G, Sauget Illinois by U.S. EPA, TAT, and State Personnel. The site assessment was initiated after a fire engulfed most of the 5 acre landfill in late March or early April of 1994. Local responders extinguished the fire by pumping water onto the landfill for several days. Standing water on the landfill covered approximately 1/5th of the site at the time of the site assessment. Small smoke plumes were noted coming from approximately six vents in the ground surface among uncovered scorched drums. Elevated HNu readings of 70 units were recorded from the venting smoke plume. All smoke plumes dissipated prior to reaching fenced boundaries however a noticeable pesticide like odor was still present approximately 1/2 mile downwind of the site.

Future plans include returning to the site immediately to conduct air sampling and air monitoring in efforts to determine if any immediate risks are present.

cc: Jeff Gore, RPM Alan Altur, SAM

MONSANTO CHEMICAL COMPANY REQUESTS

- 1. Identify all persons consulted in the preparation of the answers to these Information Requests.
- 2.Identify all documents consulted, examined, or referred to in the preparation of the answers to these Requests, and provide copies of all such documents, clearly indicating on each document the questions to which it is responsive.
- 3.If you have reason to believe that there may be persons able to provide a more detailed or complete response to any Information Requests or who may be able to provide additional responsive documents, identify such persons and where they may be contacted.
- 4. List the EPA Identification Numbers of the Respondent.
- 5. Identify all persons having knowledge or information about the generation, transportation, treatment, disposal or other handling of material at the Site, particularly those who worked at the Krummrich or Queeny plants ("the plants") in the period prior to 1967.
- 6.Identify the acts or omissions of any person, including your employees, contractors, or agents, that caused or may have caused the release or threat of release of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants as well as any damages resulting therefrom.
- 7. Identify all persons, including yourself, who arranged or may have arranged for disposal or treatment, or arranged for transportation for disposal or treatment of hazardous materials, at or to the Site, with particular attention to persons who performed these duties in the period prior to 1967. In addition, identify the following:
- a. The persons with whom you or such other person(s) made such arrangements;
- b. Each date on which such arrangements took place;
- c. For each transaction, the nature or the hazardous material, including the chemical content, characteristics, physical state (e.g., solid, liquid), and the process for which the material was used or the process which generated the material;
- d. The owner of the hazardous materials so accepted or transported;
- e. The quantity of the hazardous materials involved (weight or volume) in each transaction and the total quantity for

all transactions;

- f. All tests, analyses, and analytical results concerning the hazardous materials;
- g. The persons(s) who selected the Site as the place to which the hazardous materials were to be transported;
- h. The amount paid in connection with each transaction, the method of payment, and the identity of the person from whom payment was received;
- i. Where the person identified in g., above, intended to have such hazardous materials transported and all evidence of this intent;
- j. Whether the hazardous materials involved in each transaction were transshipped through, or were stored or held at, any intermediate site prior to final treatment or disposal;
- k. What was actually done to the hazardous materials once they were brought to the Site;
- 1. The final disposition of each of the hazardous materials involved in such transactions;
- m. The measures taken by you to determine the actual methods, means, and site of treatment or disposal of the hazardous materials involved in each transaction.
- n. The type and number of containers in which the hazardous materials were contained when they were accepted for transport, and subsequently until they were deposited at the Site, and all markings on such containers;
- o. The price paid for (i) transport (ii) disposal or (iii) both of each hazardous material.
- p. Copies of all documents containing information responsive to a o above.
- q. All persons with knowledge, information, or documents responsive to a p above.
- 8.Provide a detailed listing of products, including by-products, manufactured at both "the plants" for the time period 1900 1982. Include a listing of products and by-products manufactured at a former unit of the Monsanto Krummrich plant (e.g. the "U.S Chemical Warfare Service Plant") now occupied by Ethyl Petroleum Additives, Inc. and any and all documents or information, whether sealed or not concerning the U.S. Chemical Warfares Service Plants waste disposal policies and/or practices.
- 9. Describe the manufacturing processes for each major group of

chemicals produced at the plants from 1900 - 1982.

- 10. Identify the raw chemical products received (e.g. benzene, chlorine, acids, etc.) at each of the plants and the additives and catalysts used to produce finished products.
- 11. The Krummrich plant evidently began operations at its present location in the early 1900's. Provide all information relating to the processes used at the Commercial Acid Works or the Indiahoma Oil Refinery. Identify all documents concerning the wastes generated at these facilities prior to Monsanto's use of the property.
- 12.List the specific types of organic and inorganic chemical wastes used or generated at the plants.
- 13. Provide the weight and/or volume of the total quantity of waste materials or hazardous substances generated at these plants. For each waste material or hazardous substance:
- a. Describe the nature of the waste material or hazardous substance, including the chemical content, characteristics, physical state (e.g., solid, liquid), and;
- b. The process for which the material or substance was used or the process which generated the substance.
- 14. Were off-specification products treated as wastes at the plants? Provide information and documents concerning Monsanto's treatment and disposal practice or policy concerning off-specification products.
- 15.It has been estimated that 70% of Monsanto's hazardous waste is sold as by-products to other firms. Describe Monsanto's practice of selling by-products to other companies or transferring by-products to other Monsanto facilities. List the other companies or other Monsanto facilities to which Krummrich by-products have been sold or transferred and list the types of by-products sold or transferred. Identify any by-products the Krummrich plant receives from other Monsanto facilities. Describe what these by-products are and their uses.
- 16.As the Krummrich and Queeny plants evolved over the years, how has the disposal of obsolete process equipment been handled?

 Describe the disposition of such equipment.
- 17. Describe the methods used to handle contaminated soil, contaminated clothing/protective gear, and laboratory wastes at the plants. Were these materials commingled with undefined hazardous or non-hazardous materials before disposal?
- 18. Were all waste materials generated or used at the plants disposed of on plant property? Were disposal activities carried out by Monsanto employees or outside personnel or waste

contractors? For all disposal activities carried out by non-employees, please state which party (or parties) carried out these activities.

- 19. Does Monsanto deny that some or all of the Sauget Area 1 sites contain wastes generated from its manufacturing processes at either or both of the plants (mainly at Krummrich)? If Monsanto so denies, provide all information and documentation which supports this denial.
- 20. Does Monsanto deny that at least a portion of the chlorobenzenes, chlorophenols, chloroanilines, nitrophenols, nitroanilines and/or PCBs which have been found to exist in Sauget Area 1 sites was used, originated, or was generated at its Queeny or Krummrich plant?
- 21. Does Monsanto deny that some or all of the wastes found to be present at site R in Sauget Area 2 is chemically identical to the wastes found at site G in Area 1? If Monsanto so denies, provide all information and documentation which supports this denial.
- 22. Identify all waste disposal contractors employed or used by Monsanto for the period ending in 1967. Also:
- a. Describe how these disposal contractors handled Monsanto wastes, including the terms of any contractual arrangements with each;
- b. Describe how Monsanto controlled where and how these waste disposal contractors disposed of its wastes;
- c. Was it Monsanto's practice or policy to dictate or choose where these wastes would be disposed of or did Monsanto leave the disposal of the waste up to them?
- 23.Did Monsanto or any of its consultants, agents, or contractors at any time secure the services of Leo Sauget or his company (later named "Industrial Salvage & Disposal, Inc.") to process, accumulate, treat, remove, haul or dispose of any hazardous materials or fly ash Monsanto generated at either the Queeny or Krummrich plants? If so, describe the nature of these services, when they were rendered, and all contracts or agreements associated with these services. In particular, describe the arrangement with this company regarding where Monsanto wastes and/or fly ash were to be disposed of.
- 24.Did Monsanto or any of its consultants, agents, or contractors at any time secure the services of Paul Sauget or Sauget & Company to perform the services referenced in 23., above? If so describe the nature of these services, when they were rendered, and all contracts associated with these services. In particular, describe the arrangement with this company regarding where

Monsanto wastes and/or fly ash were to be disposed of.

- 25.Did any Monsanto employee, contractor, or agent, directly or indirectly, coordinate, manage or in any way oversee any chemical waste disposal activities on any Leo Sauget or Paul Sauget-owned properties included within the Sauget Area 1 sites?
- 26.Answer 22 24 above regarding the U.S. Chemical Warfare plant and wastes generated at this facility.
- 27.Did Monsanto or any of its consultants, agents, or contractors at any time secure the services of Harold Waggoner or Waggoner & Company to process, treat, accumulation, move, haul, or dispose of hazardous materials and/or fly ash? If so, describe the nature of these services and all contracts or agreements associated with these services. Also describe the arrangement with this company regarding where Monsanto wastes were to be disposed of.
- 28. Identify any and all trucking firms or disposal contractors hauling Monsanto chemicals, chemical wastes, by-products or off-specification products that has used any services of Harold Waggoner or Waggoner & Company, Leo Sauget, Paul Sauget, Industrial Waste Salvage Inc., or Sauget & Company. Provide all contract or agreements associated with these services.
- 29. Describe in detail the methods used at the Krummrich plant for handling process wastewater and sanitary discharges prior to the plant's hooking up to the Village of Sauget's (then the Village of Monsanto's) process water sewer interceptor system. When did the plant hook up to this system?
- 30.Describe how the interceptor junction structure at the north end of Dead Creek in the sewer system worked after the hook up to the Physical/Chemical plant. Identify the number of bypasses of the interceptor system which have occurred and the volume of wastewater discharged in each bypass event. Describe under what conditions the bypasses occurred, as well as nature of the wastewater discharged and area or these wastewaters went during and after bypass events. When was this bypass point closed and what prompted its closure.
- 31.Prior to the construction of the Village of Sauget's (then the Village of Monsanto's) sewer system, did Monsanto (and/or other industries in the Village) ever, whether intentionally or by accident, spill or discharge process wastewaters, sanitary discharges and/or liquid chemical wastes directly into Dead Creek? Describe these spills or discharges.
- 32. Identify and describe all discharges or spills to Dead Creek from the Krummrich plant before and after the Village of Monsanto's sewer system was constructed?
- 33.Answer 29 32 above regarding the U.S. Chemical Warfare

Service plant.

- 34. Provide all documents and pleadings associated with the civil lawsuit filed by citizens of Cahokia against Monsanto sometime in the 1940's
- 35. How did Monsanto handle, treat, and dispose of bottom ash and fly ash wastes generated from its power plant(s) at Queeny and Krummrich plants? Does Monsanto have any knowledge that these materials were or could have been used for cover material at Sites G, H, I and/or L? If so, describe how these materials were used for this purpose.
- 36.In the "Notification of Hazardous Waste Site" form completed for the Queeny plants, dated May 5, 1981, Monsanto admits to having disposed of drums below the ground in a landfill along Falling Springs Road.
- a. Where is the precise location of the landfill referenced in this Notification, e.g., "the Sauget, Monsanto, Illinois" Landfill?
- b. Were any other landfill or landfills not referenced in the Notification used for the disposal of wastes generated or used at the Queeny plant? If so, describe.
- c. Provide any and all information and/or documentation indicating which specific landfill or landfills were used to accept the drums referenced in the Notification.
- d. Provide the names of all personnel who would possess any knowledge regarding which landfill or landfills were used to accept the drums referenced in the Notification.
- e. How was the figure for "Total Facility Waste Amount," calculated (or why was it not calculated)?
- f. How was it known that the drums subject to the Notification form contained organics, inorganics, and solvents? Provide all documents and information which relates to this reported information, as well as all information which describes in greater detail the types and characteristics of the wastes contained in these drums.
- g. Provide all documents which pertain to or provide information regarding which landfill or landfills were used to accept the drums referenced in the Notification form, as well as the volume and types of wasted contained in the drums.
- h. What is the basis for stating that the use of the landfill referenced in the Notification form stopped in 1957?
- i What is the basis for the Monsanto plant manager signing the Notification form as a "Transporter". Identify all other persons

- or companies which were involved in the transportation of the wastes identified in the Notification.
- 36.Provide the same information as requested in 35, above with regard to the RCRA Section 103(c) Notification of Hazardous Waste Site form for the Krummrich Plant dated May 15, 1981.
- 37.On May 15, 1981, Monsanto filed a Section 103(c) Notification for the disposal at Krummrich plant wastes at the W.G. Krummrich Landfill on Route 3. Describe how the wastes reported on this Notification differ from the wastes reported on the Notification filed for the Krummrich wastes disposed of at the Falling Springs landfill?
- 38. Identify and describe all past and present solid waste units (e.g., waste piles, landfills, surface impoundments, waste lagoons, waste ponds or pits, tanks, container storage areas, etc.) on the Krummrich plant property. For each solid waste unit identified, provide the following information:
- a. A map showing the unit's boundaries and the location of all known solid waste units, whether currently in operation or not. This map should be drawn to scale, if possible, and clearly indicate the location and size of all past and present units;
- b. The type of unit (e.g., storage area, landfill, waste pile, etc.) and the dimensions of the unit;
 - c. The dates that the unit was in use;
- d. The purpose and past usage (e.g., storage, spill containment, etc.);
- e. The quantity and types of materials (hazardous substances and/or any other chemicals) located in each unit; and
- f. The construction (materials, composition), volume, size, dates of cleaning, and condition of each unit;
- g. If the unit is no longer in use, when and how such unit was closed and what actions were taken to prevent or address potential or actual releases of waste constituents from the unit?
- h. A complete description of any and all releases, or spills or leaks of hazardous substances, or any materials or liquids containing or contaminated with hazardous substances, from the unit.
- 39.Provide copies of all local (e.g. Village of Sauget or Monsanto) environmental permits or licenses ever granted for the Krummrich plant or any part thereof.
- 40. For each disposal of PCBs, material containing PCBs, PCB Articles, PCB Equipment, and PCB Containers (as defined at 40

- C.F.R. § 761.3) from the plants or on plant property and which contained PCBs at concentrations of 50 ppm or greater, provide the following information:
- a. Identify the type of materials containing PCBs, PCB Article, PCB Equipment, and/or PCB Container, as well as its contents. Give any serial numbers or identification numbers or codes;
- b. Quantity of material containing PCBs and numbers of PCB Articles, PCB Equipment, and PCB Containers, as well as the quantity of their contents;
 - c. PCB concentrations;
 - d. Dates of disposal;
- e. Name and location of the PCB disposal facility or PCB storage facility not part of the Queeny or Krummrich plants;
- f. Location and description of the PCB disposal or fill areas at the Queeny or Krummrich plants.
- 42.Provide the following information for chlorobenzenes, chlorophenols, chloroanilines, nitrophenols, nitroanilines, and PCBs:
- a. A description of how the substance is or was generated and/or used at the plants;
- b. An estimation of the quantity of the substance generated or used at the plants;
- c. A description of Monsanto's storage, treatment, and/or disposal policies or practices for each substance throughout the operating history of the Queeny and Krummrich plants;
- d. Any and all documents, reports, forms, permits or manifests indicating the substance transportation to and/or disposal in Sauget Area 1 sites.
- 42. For each spill or discharge or release of any hazardous materials used or generated by Monsanto, including chlorobenzenes, chlorophenols, chloroanilines, nitrophenols, nitroanilines and PCBs, provide the following information:
 - a. Source of spill, discharge or release;
 - b. concentration of the source;
 - c. Location of spill, discharge or release;
- d. Type of material onto which spill or discharge occurred;

- e. Area over which spill or discharge occurred;
- f. Date of the spill or discharge;
- g. Summary of any test results from area where spill or discharge occurred;
- h. Diagram or map of spill or discharge area showing location of any sampling points;
- i. Description of any cleanup activities and summary of any post cleanup verification sample results;
 - j. Disposition of any hazardous material from any cleanup;
- k. All reports, memoranda, or analysis concerning the spill, discharge or release.
- 43. For each pit, pond, lagoon, settling tank, oil/water separator, water treatment unit or similar structure located at the plants, provide the following information:
 - a. Location and description of these areas or structures;
- b. Dates of any and all cleanings or removals of any material from these areas or structures. List most recent cleanings or removals first;
 - c. Reason for each cleaning or removal;
- d. Description of the method employed for each cleaning or removal;
- e. Description of any hazardous material removed, including PCBs, and quantity of material removed;
- f. Concentrations of hazardous materials removed, including PCBs, released or discharged on or off site from these areas or structures;
 - g. Disposition of material removed;
- h. Any test data, including PCB test data, concerning these areas or structures not associated with a cleaning or removal;
- i. Identification and description of any release or discharge on or off site from these areas or structures;
 - j.Dates when release or discharges occurred;
- k. Type of material and concentrations of releases or discharges;

- Description of any cleanup activities for the releases or discharges;
- m. Summary of any post-cleanup verification sampling and disposition of material from the cleanup;
- 44. Provide a copy of any annual documents or annual document logs required to be kept for the Facility in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 761.180(a).
- 45. Provide any information you have generated or gathered on groundwater flow and groundwater quality on or around the plants and/or on or around Sauget Area 1 other than that generated by the Monsanto groundwater study conducted in 1984.
- 46.Provide any information and documents you have generated or gathered (including documents obtained in discovery in lawsuit Cerro v. Monsanto Co., Docket No. 92-CV-204âWDS) about or in any way concerning the contamination found to exist in the Sauget Area 1, including any information concerning the source of such contamination.
- 47. Describe all measures taken by Monsanto or its consultants which have been taken to characterize, measure, sample or in any way test for the presence of hazardous materials at or around Sauget Area 1.
- 48. Provide a history of the ownership of the Queeny plant.
- 49. Provide copies of any sampling analytical reports which are responsive to any of these questions and clearly indicate on each analytical report copy the question(s) to which it is responsive.

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 9, 1994

From: Paul E. Takács, BOL/DRM/FSMU

To: Terry G. Ayers

Subject: L1630200005 -- St. Clair County

Sauget Sites (Area 1) -- Sauget Superfund/Technical Reports

This is to document events concerning underground fires that have occurred at Site G over the past few months. After IEPA was notified that portions of the site appeared to have been burnt, a recommendation was made to perform surface soil sampling to determine if the site posed a greater health hazard. Because of the presence of very high concentrations of PCBs and chlorophenols prior to the burn, dioxin sampling of soils was included.

On June 3, IEPA assisted USEPA in taking composite soil samples inside the more visibly contaminated areas within the fence that were impacted by fires. It was also noted that two separate areas of the drum disposal area at the east-central portion of Site G were still burning. The smoke had a reddish color and the HNu noted a 70ppm concentration. A pinkish-brown crystalline substance was found next to the burning areas. Composites of the crystalline substance as well as several tar-like products and a material resembling pumice were taken at Site G.

Several dioxin samples were composited just outside the fence at Site G. In addition, one soil composite (at Judith Lane and CS-C) was taken between the neighborhood and the alleged burning at the site. An interview with an employee of the property owner (Wiese Engineering) said that the Sauget Fire Department was called to put out the fires. The employee noted that the fire department flooded the burning area with water 24 hours a day for two weeks. Because of this action, a low lying area of about one acre was flooded with contaminated runoff. A water sample at this area was taken also.

IEPA and USEPA returned to Site G to conduct air sampling on June 6 after it was learned that the burning was again out of control. Summa canisters were set up around burning areas as well as around the perimeter of the site. A station was also set up near the residential area on Judith. After the air sampling was conducted, the Sauget Fire Department indicated that they had been called to extinguish fires at the site about four or five times since early last April. The fire department chief said that his firemen wear full protective gear when dealing with fires at Site G which he said resulted from spontaneous combustion.

The property owner was told to notify IEPA in the event that the fires start again. If they do, USEPA will conduct further air sampling to determine offsite effects of the burning. It is likely that Site G would be eligible for emergency action (e.g. capping) if further air sampling indicates a significant offsite health impact. IEPA has long recommended to USEPA that a surface removal would have to be conducted before the placement of a cap at Site G.

cc: Ken Mensing
John Justice
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Larry Eastep
Stan Black
Tom Hornshaw
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NONPRIORITY POLLUTANT COMPOUND LIST - SAUGET SITES

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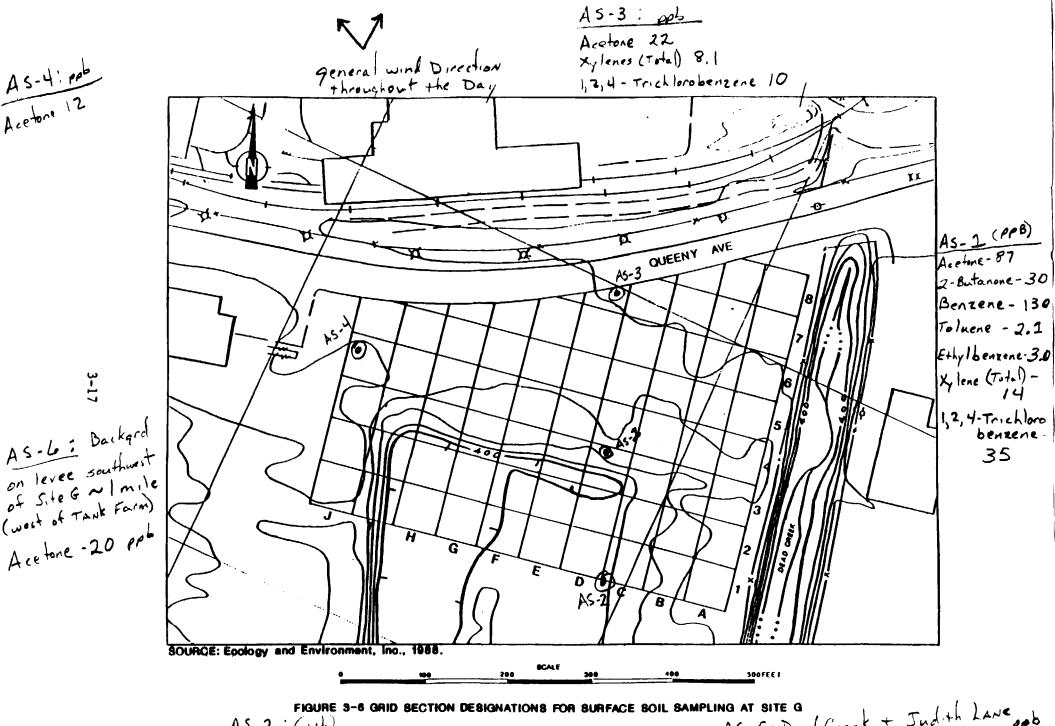
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Base/Neutral Extractable Organics

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- 2-Nitrochlorobenzene
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- 2,4-Dinitrochlorobenzene
- 3,4-Dinitrochlorobenzene
- 4-Nitrophenylamine

Triphenyl Phosphate



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FROM: JEFF GORE

TO: SAUGET AREA 1 TEAM, IEPA & USEPA MANAGEMENT

DATE: 1/17/94

SUBJECT: ISSUES REGARDING SAUGET SITE G REMOVAL ACTION

My issues regarding the potential removal action at Site G are summarized as follows:

1) Honoring the lead agency in negotiations: In January 1994, USEPA and IEPA representatives met in an RDT meeting to discuss the status of the Sauget Area #1 Superfund site. As a result of that meeting, it was determined that USEPA would take the lead in enforcement activities and negotiations with the PRP group. IEPA showed resistance to giving up the technical lead but agreed to support USEPA if negotiations were successful.

My concern is that IEPA (both staff and management) is not willing to give up the lead and project decision making process to USEPA regardless of the potential success of USEPA negotiations. An RPM, and to a less extent, an OSC cannot successfully negotiate with a PRP group under the Superfund program if the state agency will not support their efforts and decisions. IEPA must be willing to give up the technical and decision making lead to USEPA if we are expected to negotiate properly with the PRP group. If IEPA won't support USEPA efforts, they should not expect us to negotiate under Superfund and should instead try to remediate the site under their own state laws and programs.

2) Unexpected last-hour changes in the removal action: Over 6 months ago, I brought up that my primary concern as an RPM under SACM was to try and put a "permanent" cap on site G if we negotiated a removal action with the PRP group. After Paul, Sam, Tom Martin and I agreed to this; the main concern then became what IEPA would require for site G, so that we wouldn't have to do additional studies or put another cover on the site during a future remedial action. After sampling revealed PCBs and dioxins, Paul, Sam and I agreed that If the removal action utilized in-situ treatment of oily areas at the site before putting a clay cover on, the soil area at site G wouldn't need to be addressed during remedial action. The only issue became how thick the clay cover needed to be.

Then after we approached Monsanto with this proposal and they showed a strong interest in implementing the remedy, IEPA came back with comments in late December both through Paul and management that the site G cover could only be considered an

"interim" remedy and that additional treatability studies needed to be done to determine whether or not material in site G should be treated off-site. These last-hour changes will probably destroy any successful negotiations with Monsanto at site G, and go against my better judgement on what should be done at the site as well. I question whether IEPA even cares if negotiations succeed with Monsanto on this removal action.

If negotiations break down, Sam will have no choice but to go ahead and put native fill over the uncovered site G to both meet his deadline for the removal action and take care of the imminent and substantial endangerment.

Inconsistencies with other actions at the Sauget sites:
The Sauget area sites are by IEPA definition one of the most highly contaminated areas in Illinois. The sites contain numerous hazardous waste disposal landfills in a highly industrial area. All other IEPA actions at the Sauget sites concerning hazardous waste disposal landfills have involved clay or other covers to contain the hazardous materials. It seems totally appropriate to contain the hazardous waste areas on-site, especially when you consider the location and the nature of numerous PCB laden areas. I see no reason why IEPA should require a treatability study on the wastes in site G based on the site history, location and data already available for the site.



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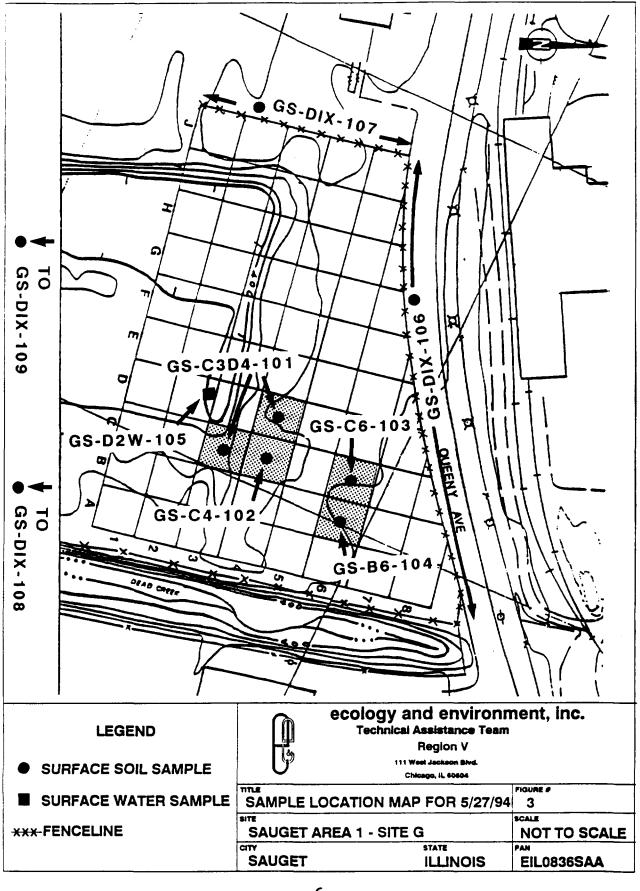
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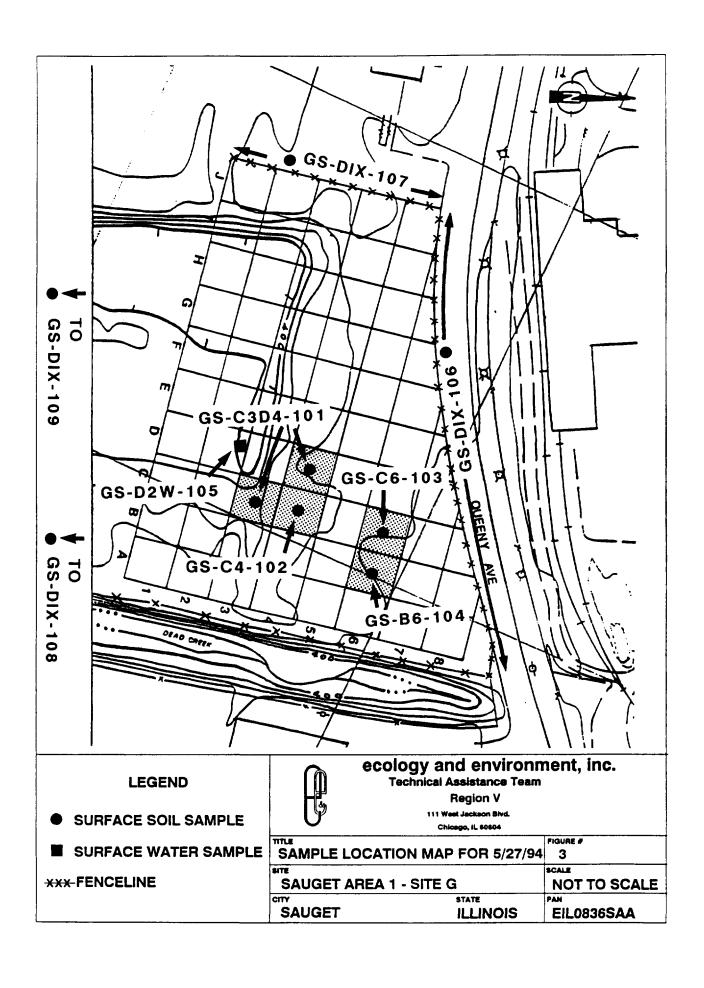
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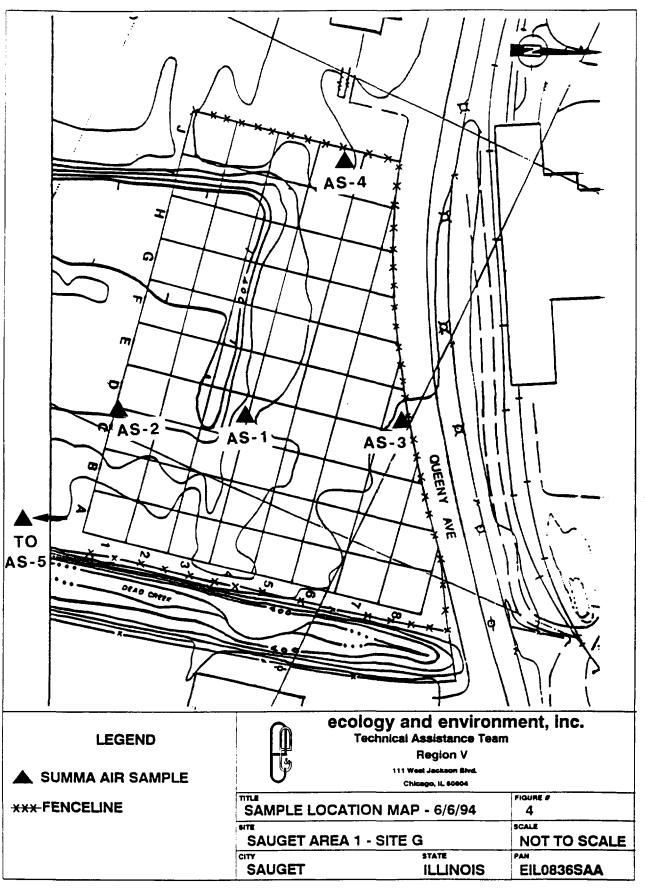
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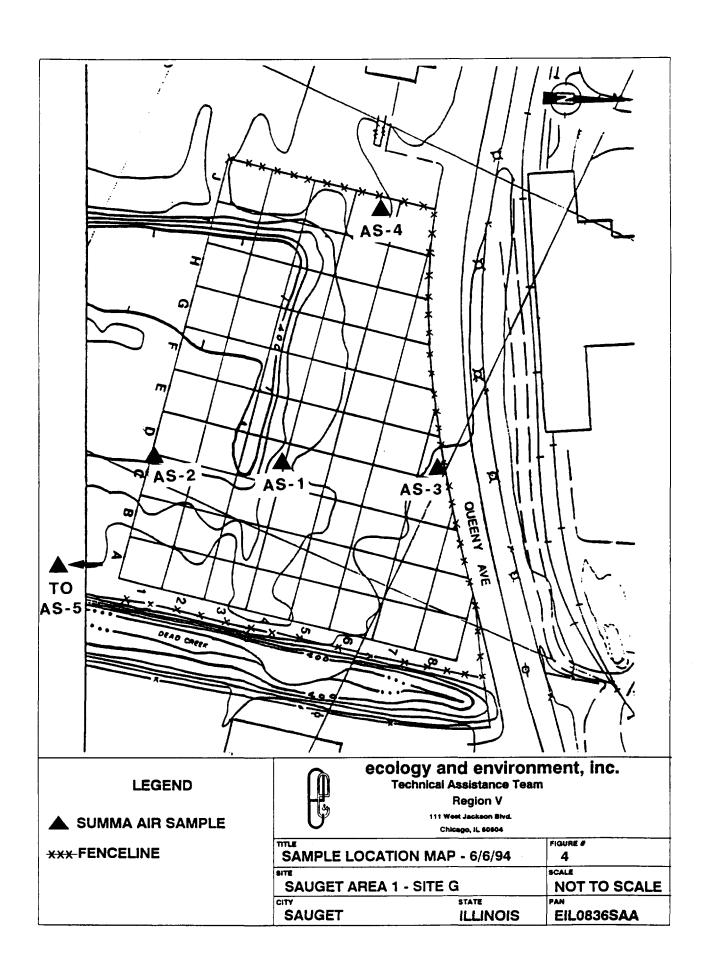
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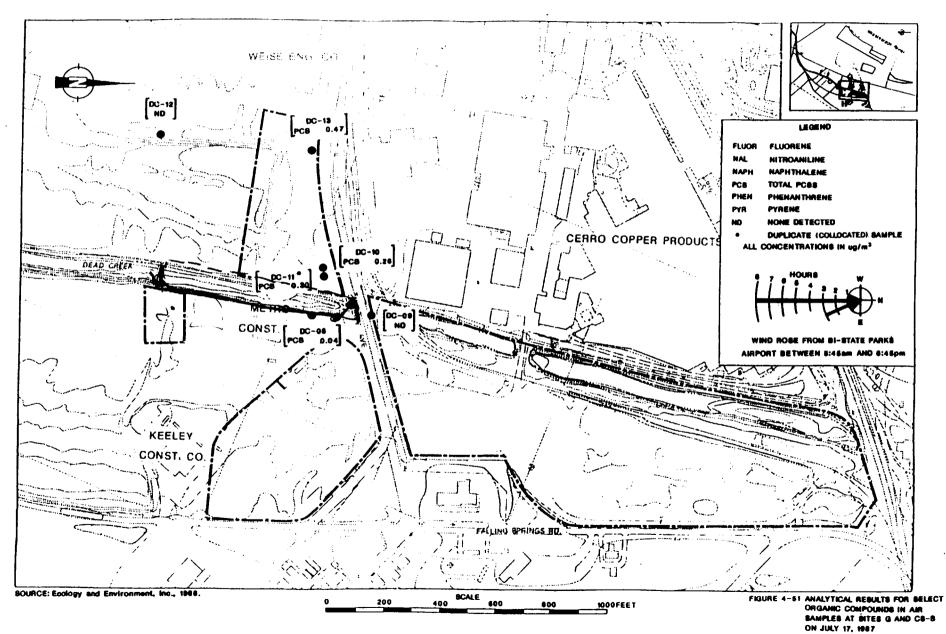
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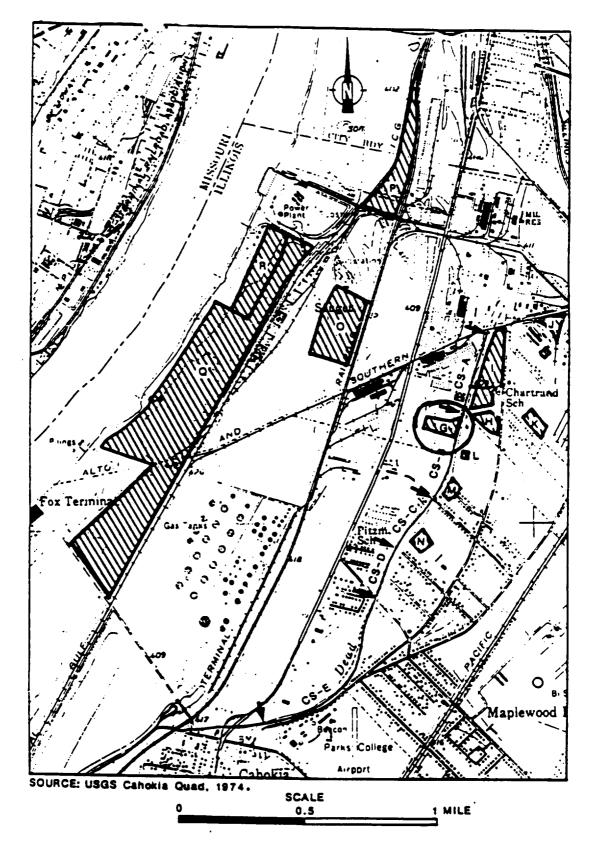




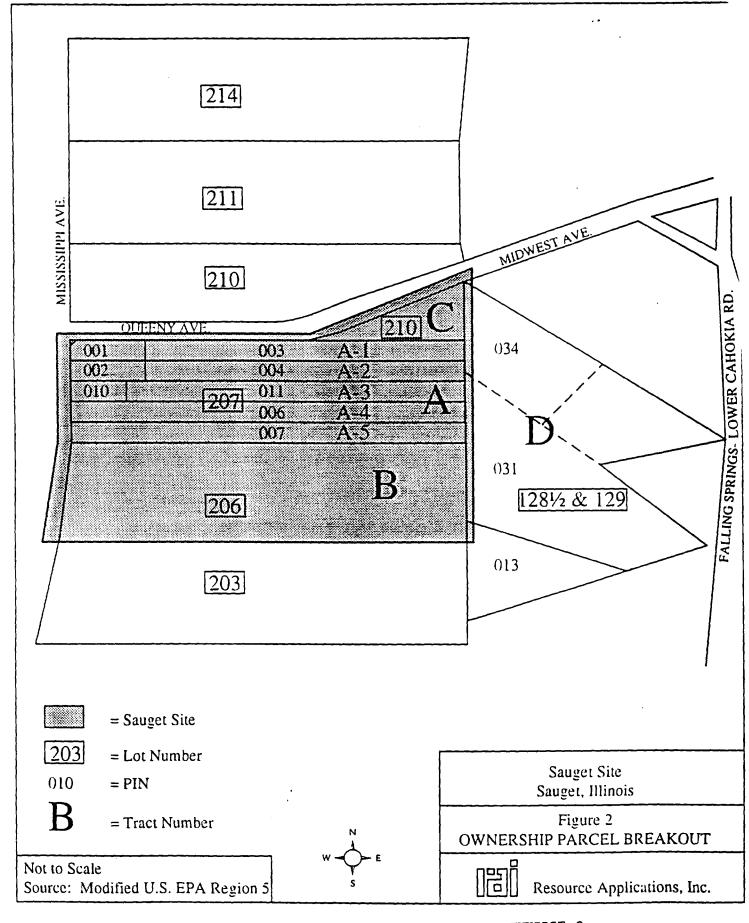








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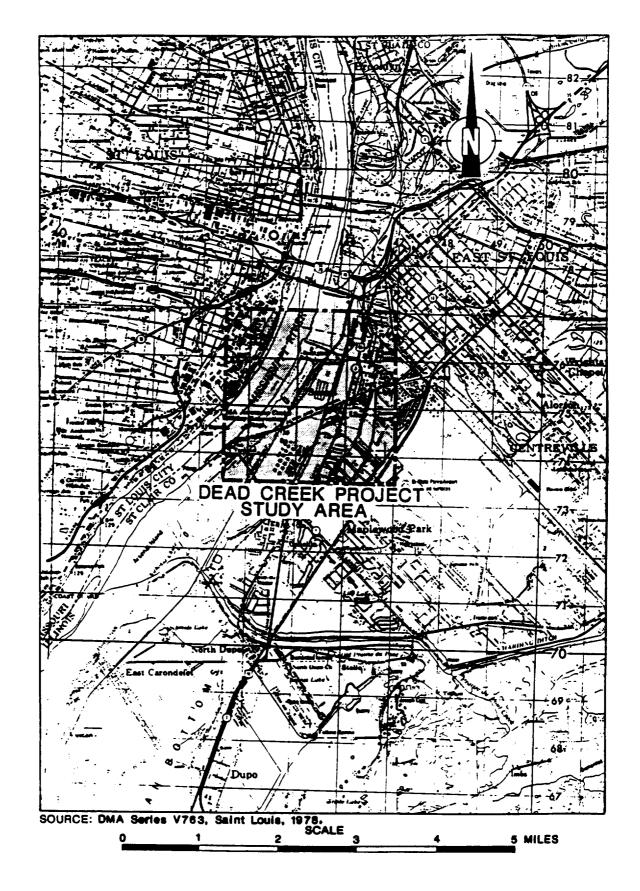


FIGURE 2-1 DEAD CREEK PROJECT STUDY AREA LOCATION

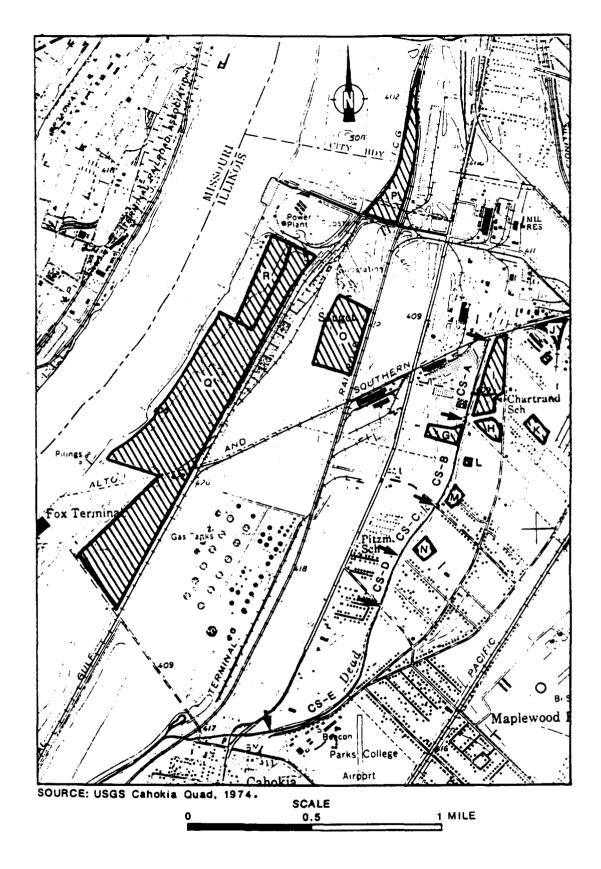


FIGURE 2-2 SITE REPORTING DESIGNATIONS FOR THE DEAD CREEK PROJECT

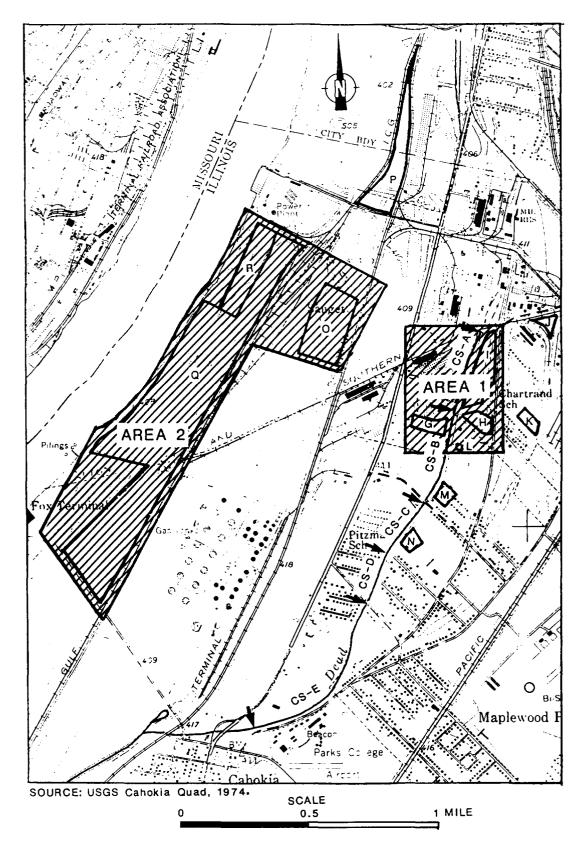
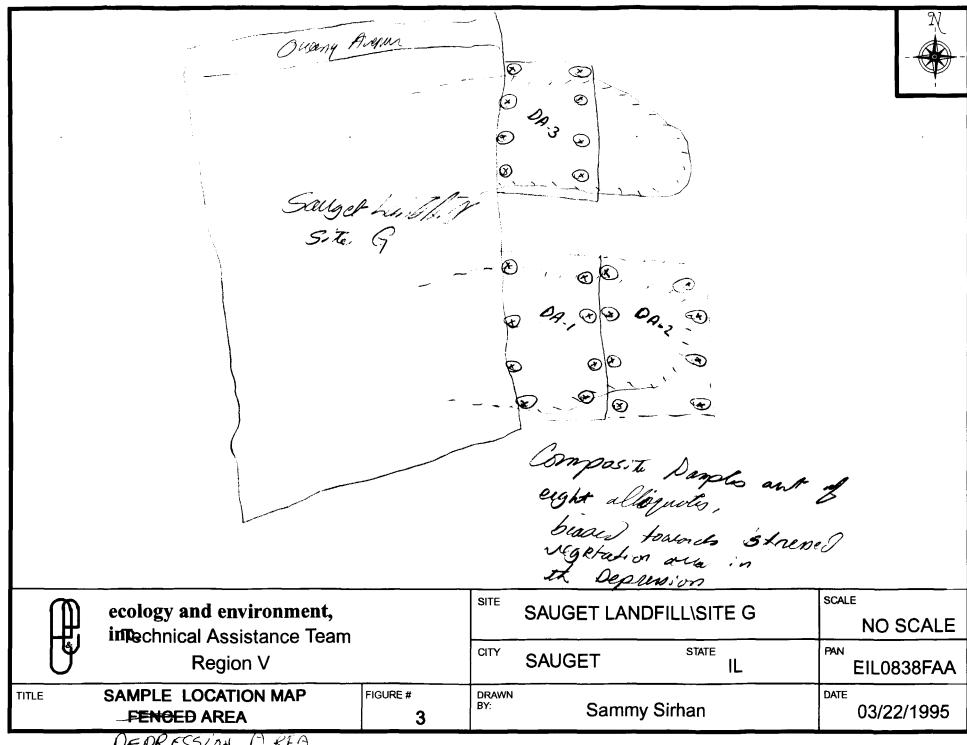


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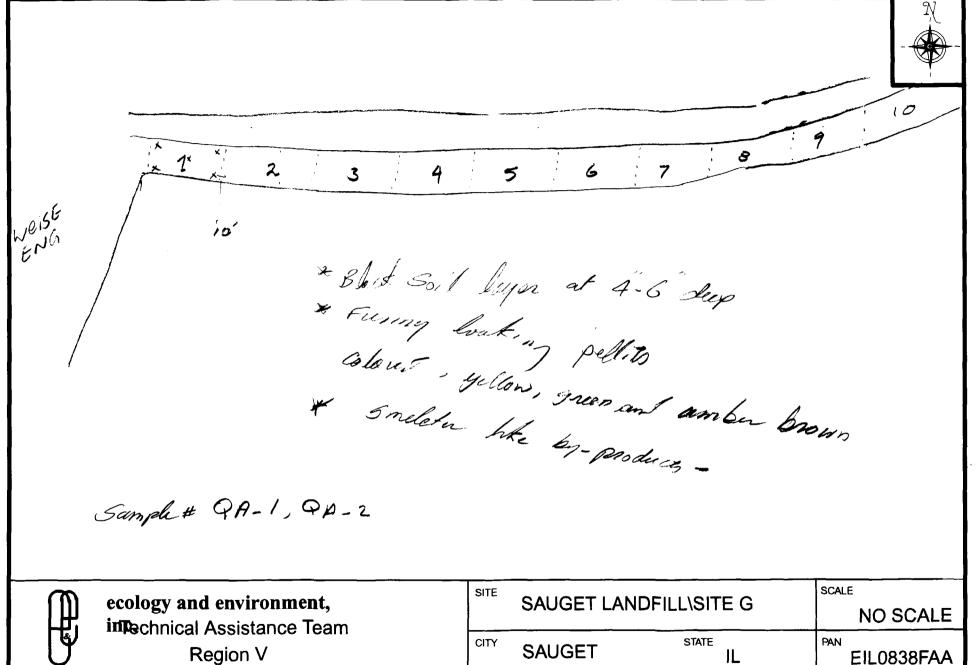
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RIEDEL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. CHAIN OF CUSTODY COMPLETION INSTRUCTIONS

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- 1. Project Name: Actual site where samples are collected.
- 2. Project Number: Actual number assigned to track events and costs of job.
- 3. Lab: Name of laboratory being utilized for the sample analysis.
- 4. Results To / Telephone # / Fax # /: Mailing address where sample results must be mailed. Also, phone number and fax number which correspond to mailing address being utilized.
- 5. Special Instructions:
 - Special Detection Limits: Have any specific detection limits been established for site? If yes, they
 must be identified
 - Analyze each phase of sample: Yes or No.
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 - Analyze Sample: As is ____ Dry Weight ____ Wet Weight ____
- 6. All work to be performed per RFP: Refer to Riedel Purchase Order Number and Master Subcontract Agreement Number a. If no changes to RFP indicate N/A, b. If changes have occurred, indicate here, or attach additional documentation as required.
- 7. Sample Results Required By: Check appropriate box 24hr, 48hr, 72hr, 5Day, Normal, or enter specific date required. Then indicate if by verbal, fax, mail, Fed Ex.
- 8. QA Data Package Required By: Enter date and time. Plus indicate whether by fax, federal express, or mail.
- 9. Lab ID #: Sample Number established by laboratory.
- 10. Sample ID #: Riedel site specific sample number.
- 11. Matrix: Identify if soil, water, sludge, sediment, etc.
- 12. Collection: Enter date and time sample was collected.
- 13. Container / Number of Containers / Size / Type: Enter number of containers, specific sample container size, and type. Example: 8-oz. Amber Jar
- 14. Preservative No.: From preservative box determine appropriate item number.
- 15. Test Method: Indicate which EPA or SW846 Method laboratory is to use for each parameter of each sample.
- 16. QA/QC Protocol: Must indicate which protocol is to be used. The area that indicates QA/QC Level I, II, III, and IV, you must indicate if the lab's QA/QC level is to be used or Riedel's Level, if different from RFP.
- 17. Preservatives: Choose item 1 through 7 and utilize in preservative number column.
- 18. Relinquished By: This requires the signature of a person relinquishing the sample. The date and time (a.m. or p.m.) must also be recorded.
- 19. Received By: This requires the signature of the person who receives the sample from the individual who relinquishes the sample. The date and time (a.m. or p.m.) must also be recorded.
- 20. Continuation Sheet: Must be completed in full when seven or more samples are taken.
- 21. Any and all lines / items left blank: you must indicate an N/A for each and every line and / or item.